

**Docket No.:** T12-0090  
**Bench Date:** 03/20/2013  
**Deadline:** N/A

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**TO:** The Commission  
**FROM:** Latrice Kirkland-Montaque, Chief Administrative Law Judge  
**DATE:** March 7, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** City of Lockport, Will County, Illinois,  
Petitioner,

v.

CN/Illinois Central Railroad Co. and Illinois Department of  
Transportation,  
Respondents.

Petition to interconnect traffic signal to be installed by the  
City of Lockport at the following intersection under the  
jurisdiction of the State of Illinois: Illinois 171 (State Street)  
@ 13th Street.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Enter Order approving Petition.

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On May 30, 2012, the City of Lockport filed a Petition for approval to interconnect proposed traffic signals at the highway intersection of Illinois Route 171 ("State Street") at 13<sup>th</sup> Street with the railroad warning devices at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street highway-railroad grade crossing of the Illinois Central Railroad Company's track in Lockport, Will County. The Traffic/Railroad Signal Report, filed as part of the Petition, proposes that the railroad circuitry that controls the operation of railroad automatic flashing light signals and gates be modified to provide 36 seconds of minimum simultaneous preemption time.

The City commissioned an engineering study that recommends interconnecting the proposed traffic signals at the highway intersection of Illinois Route 171 at 13<sup>th</sup> Street (located approximately 190 feet east of the crossing) with the railroad warning devices at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street highway-railroad grade crossing. A minimum simultaneous preemption time of 36 seconds is also recommended in this study. The highway intersection of Illinois Route 171 at 13<sup>th</sup> Street will be widened to provide left turn lane channelization. Additionally, various signing and pavement marking improvements are also recommended in the study for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossing.

The cost of widening the Illinois 171 at 13<sup>th</sup> Street highway intersection and installing traffic signals plus providing signing and pavement marking improvements at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossing is estimated to be \$1,460,000. The cost of modifying the existing warning devices at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossing to provide a minimum simultaneous

preemption time of 36 seconds is estimated at \$61,499. The City has secured grants from various sources to help fund the project. The City will pay all costs of widening the Illinois 171 at 13<sup>th</sup> Street highway intersection and installing traffic signals plus providing signing and pavement marking improvements at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossing as well as the costs to modify the existing warning devices and is not seeking any reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund.

No party objected to the Petition. I recommend the Commission enter the Order granting the Petition.